

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 written line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 after written line 2, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/003536, filed April 2, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of European application No. 03009941.0, filed April 30, 2003, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 after written line 2, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS paragraph, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 after written line 7, as follows:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 after written line 30, as follows:

A circuit arrangement with two housing parts is known from EP 0505 292 A1, in which a central dividing wall features an offset in a small central section in order in this way to create space in one of the housing parts for a thermal bimetallic element.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 written lines 5-17, as follows:

In accordance with the invention this object is achieved by the claims ~~an electromechanical switching device with the features of claim 1.~~ In this case two movable contacts as well as fixed contacts interacting with these are arranged in a housing which is essentially divided along an

imaginary dividing surface which is perpendicular to a fixing side of the housing. By contrast with conventional multipart housings however the dividing surface within the housing preferably features a side offset, in approximately the center of the housing, so that each of the two parts of the housing feature a broader area and a narrower area adjoining it. In this case the narrow area of the second housing part adjoins the broad area of the first housing part and vice versa.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 3 after written line 4, as follows:

Preferably the two housing areas are identically formed, but are mirrored around a geometrical vertical axis in the housing, i.e. in each plane they are thus centrosymmetric in relation to the geometrical vertical axis.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 5 written lines 4-25, as follows:

A number of exemplary embodiments of the invention are explained in greater detail below on the basis of a drawing. ~~The drawings show:~~

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- FIG 1a and b show in symbolic cross-sectional diagrams an electromechanical switching device with two movable contacts able to be actuated in opposite directions,
- FIG 2a and b show a schematic diagram of the division of a switching device into a number of housing areas in each case,
- FIG 3a and b show greatly simplified cross-sectional diagrams of a switching device with a housing divided up lengthwise,
- FIG 4a and b show an incomplete perspective diagram of a circuit breaker as an electromechanical switching device with a housing shell or an indicated housing,
- FIG 5 shows a perspective diagram of a part of the switching device according to FIG. 4a and 4b, and
- FIG. 6a and b show a cross-sectional diagram of a switching device according to FIG. 4a and 4b in each case.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 5 after written line 27, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--